## PEKING UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.

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## Dear Alan:

I have just received your personal letter of January 2nd, and an apparently official letter of the same date. The official letter does not seem to require reply, but I want to express my gratitude not only for your offer to help us in every way possible, but also for all that you have done in the past. We may not have been very successful in expressing our feelings on the subject, but the fact is that we appreciate deeply the friendly and helpful spirit of all the members of the Paris office of the Foundation. At times, I have been afraid that we were asking too much of you, but I shall feel less hesitation on that score in the future.

The misunderstanding in regard to the transportation of Dr. Hoeppli was not of any importance, and we appreciated the fact that it was due to your desire to help us when it was difficult for us to deal with the situation directly.

You will be pleased to know that Dr. Hoeppli seems to be as happy in his position here as any man could well be. His fondness for China and the Chinese is quite unusual, and I think it safe to say that he has endeared himself to everyone with whom he has come in contact. His membership in our college is undoubtedly going to prove an enormous asset to us.

Pearce's death is, of course, a great personal loss to me, since we were very intimate. I cannot realize that he is no longer in the office in New York, especially since I am still receiving letters from him, and perhaps shall for a week or two more. As far as our work is concerned, it makes the future seem very uncertain, since, with the exception of Dr. Carter, there is now no one in the New York office who knows much about our China work.

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I have, however, been very favorably impressed by Mr. Mason's attitude on all the questions which I heard him discuss in New York, and it has been particularly gratifying to me that he was disposed to take an interest in what we were doing, and in general to back up recommendations from the field for actual projects.

He writes me that he hopes to be here some time within the next twelve months.

I wonder whether you will be asked to go to New York to succeed Dr. Pearce. I wish things might work out that way, though I realize you now have a very important job in Paris, and that it may be more important for you to see through the project for the University of Paris than to go to the head office. If you should go to New York, it would be a source of great satisfaction to me, and I should hope that you could plan to visit China within the not too distant future.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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